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## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN QUESTION.

#### CONFERENCE ADJOURS.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.  
The Peace Conference adjourned to-night after two hours' sitting. The questions of the Greek armistice and the re-victualling of Adrianople were discussed. They will be discussed again when the Conference resumes on Monday afternoon.

#### TURKISH REQUESTS.

An official account of the Peace Conference states that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of Adrianople as a condition of negotiating with Greece. The Allies considered that the question had already been settled by the armistice, and was therefore outside the scope of the Conference. The Turks replied that they must therefore refer the matter to Constantinople.

Reuter learns that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of the besieged towns in the interests of humanity.

#### OPTIMISM.

The Delegates of the Allies yesterday plainly intimated to the Turks that the delays must end, but optimism prevailed when the Conference adjourned.

#### TROUBLE?

The unity of the Powers as set forth yesterday in an official communiqué contrasts with the situation at the peace conference, where trouble is apparently brewing, the latest Turkish instructions including a demand to re-victuall Adrianople.

#### DELEGATES RECEIVED.

His Majesty received the Peace Delegates at Buckingham Palace on Saturday and conversed with them for half an hour.

#### AUSTRIA PLEASED.

A message from Vienna states that much satisfaction is expressed at the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors, which is regarded as endorsing Austria's standpoint.

#### FRENCH PREMIER SPEAKS.

M. Poincaré, the French Premier, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies, dwelt on the closeness of the agreement and the entente between the Powers on the Balkan trouble. He praised the initiative of Great Britain in arranging the Conference of Ambassadors which had succeeded in the blunders of the Government at the blunders of the individual military officers in the affair of M. Prochasko, the Austrian Consul at Prizrend.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN QUESTION.

#### A SOLUTION.

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[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.

M. Poincaré, speaking in the Senate, said that the Balkans for the Balkan peoples was an equitable solution affording the surest guarantee of permanence when peace was signed that it would rest on solid bases. Turkey would retain considerable empire and would act wisely in listening to the wishes of the subject populations. France was determined to ensure respect to her interests in Lebanon and Syria. There was no foundation for the insinuation that Anglo-French discord had arisen on the subject. Great Britain had assured them that she had no political aspirations in these regions, and France was determined to maintain the integrity of the Ottoman Empire in Asia.

#### FUTURE HOPES

M. Poincaré's speech is regarded as evidence of the amelioration in the general European situation, while indicating the possibility of mediation led by France in the event of a rupture in the Peace Conference.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the cause of peace had made great strides within the last forty-eight hours. Austria having decided to come into line with the other Powers in urging moderation towards Turkey.

## TELEGRAMS.

### STEAMER WRECKED.

#### CAPTAIN AND 21 DROWNED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 22.

A message from St. John's, Newfoundland, states that the Furness steamer Florence, bound from Halifax to St. John's, with a general cargo, was totally wrecked on Friday off Cape Race. The captain and 21 of the crew were drowned, while five were saved after being adrift in a boat for two days.

The Florence was a steel screw vessel of 2,492 tons gross register. She was built for Messrs Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., in 1889 by Messrs Short Bros., of Sunderland.

## TELEGRAMS.

### COSTLY LITIGATION.

#### MR. F. E. SMITH'S PLEA.

London, December 21.

Mr. F. E. Smith, speaking at Dudley, said that he and his colleagues on the Front Opposition Bench unanimously endorsed the tariff policy of Mr. Bonar Law, who never said that the decision on the question of foot-taxes would be left to the Colonies. It was never proposed to abdicate the responsibility which the Home Government always owed to the people. Mr. Bonar Law had pointed out that it would be impossible for any Government to introduce Imperial Preference proposals without protracted consultation with the representatives of the Colonies, in order that they should tell us authoritatively what they consider in the carrying out of the policy. Mr. Smith urged any dissentient Unionists to await developments and not divide the Party in a time of crisis.

Mr. Justice Parker found that there had been untrue representation, but this was due to gross carelessness and inaccuracy. None of the persons concerned had any intention or desire to deceive, or had knowingly made any mis-statement or dishonestly concealed or suppressed material facts.

The action is estimated to have cost £7 per minute.

## TELEGRAMS.

### ANGLO-GERMAN DISPUTE.

#### SHIPPING DEADLOCK.

London, December 22.

A deadlock has arisen between the British and German lines regarding the South African Shipping Agreement, over the trade with East Africa, where the Germans consider that their own interests should be specially protected. Failing this, they intimate that they cannot see their way to renew the agreement with British lines trading with South Africa, expiring on the 31st March next.

## TELEGRAMS.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

#### EVIDENCES OF GOOD TRADE

London, December 22.

Christmas shopping is proceeding with the utmost vigour and animation. There is every sign of great trade prosperity. Record shipments of presents to the overseas Dominions have taken place, and the Post Office estimates that 1,000,000 more Yuletide letters have been sent to various parts of the Empire than in 1911.

The third defendant was fined \$10 and the others were discharged.

## TELEGRAMS.

### BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT ASHORE.

London, December 21.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Beaver went ashore at Hartlepool. She has 200 officers and men on board. It is hoped that she will be refloated at the next tide.

Inspector of Telegraphs  
Mr. R. P. Wheat, who is Inspector of Telegraphs in the Philippine Islands, has arrived in the colony to-day.

## TELEGRAMS.

### AFRICAN POLITICS.

#### CABINET RECONSTITUTED.

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### THE CONGO.

#### SOURCE IN N. RHODESIA.

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[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.

Lieutenant Graetz has telegraphed to Berlin from Sakanie, in Belgian Congo, that it has been proved that Chimbezi, in Northern Rhodesia, is the source of the Congo River.

AN AIRSHIP EXPEDITION.

He announces his intention of organizing an Anglo-German airship expedition to explore New Guinea.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THAMES IRONWORKS.

#### WORKS CLOSED DOWN.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 21.

The Official Receiver has noticed the closing of the Thames Iron Works to-day.

The closing of the Ironworks will likely cause much unemployment in the East End. The Chairman, Mr. Arnold Hills, however told the men to cheer up. He was confident there was a happy New Year yet in store for them.

## TELEGRAMS.

### INSURANCE ACT.

#### DOCTORS STILL ADAMANT.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, December 22.

The Representative Council of the British Medical Association, after a protracted discussion, has rejected the Government's final terms under the Insurance Act, and decided to establish an alternative system of industrial practice.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE NEWS CONDENSED.

King George has received the Balkan Peace delegates.

The Official Receiver has noticed the closing of the Thames Ironworks.

Vice Admiral Bridgeman has had a lengthy audience with the King, on retiring.

General Botha has formed a new Cabinet, which does not include Mr. Hertzog.

The Greek Army has been considerably reinforced to enable Janina to be speedily captured.

Admiral Troubridge has been appointed to the command of the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron.

France is determined to maintain the integrity of the Ottoman Empire in Asia, says the French Premier.

The Turkish garrison at Mytilene has surrendered to the Greeks, who have also captured Goritsa.

The remains of the late Mr. Whitelaw Reid were placed aboard the cruiser Natal with full naval honours.

King Ferdinand has praised the troops for their memorable exploits and urged them to prepare for fresh efforts.

The Servian Premier has expressed to the Austrian Minister at Belgrade, Servia's regrets over the Prokoshka affair.

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The Turks demanded the re-victualling of Adrianople, at the Peace Conference, which has been adjourned to-day.

Mr. F. E. Smith has declared that he and his Front Bench colleagues unanimously endorsed Mr. Bonar Law's tariff policy.

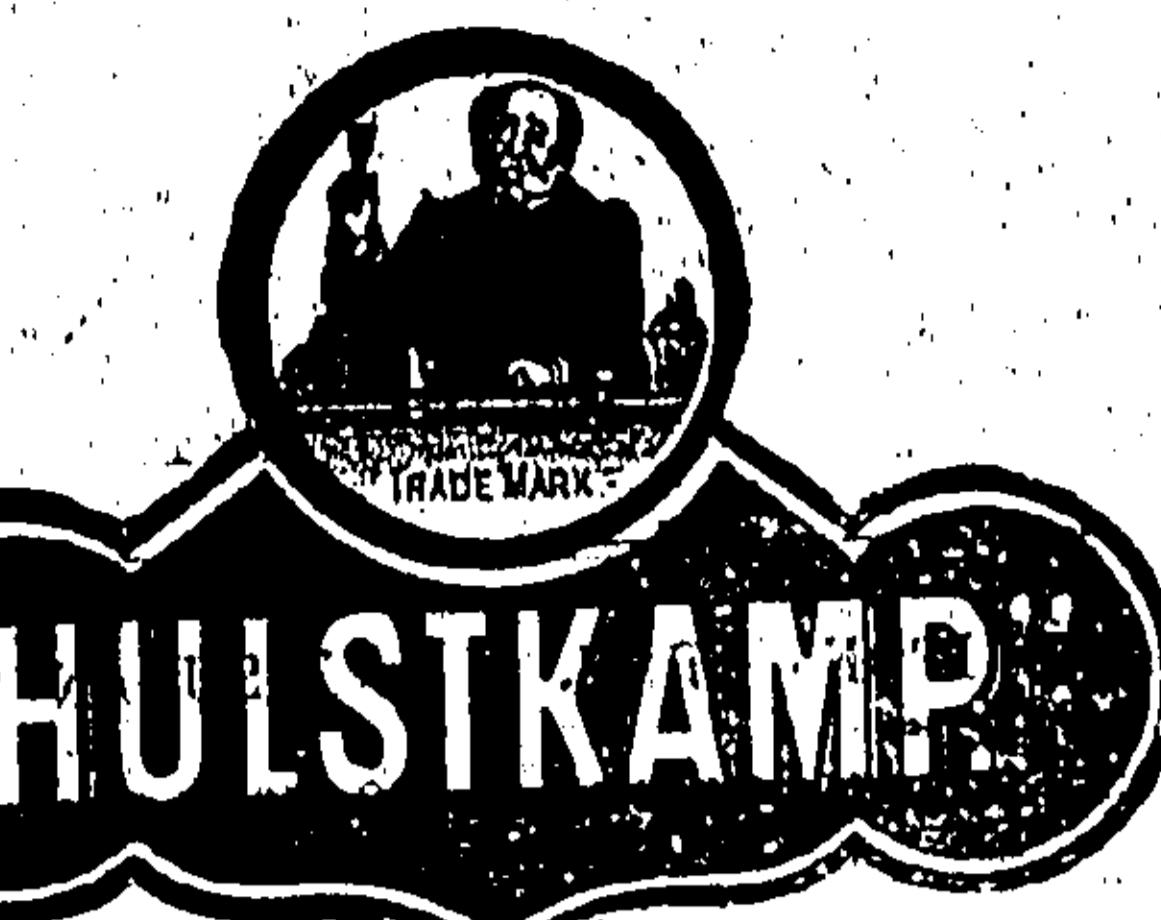
M. Poincaré says the Balkans for the Balkan peoples is an equitable solution, affording the surest guarantee of permanent peace.

M. Poincaré has delivered an important speech in the Chamber of Deputies, which is regarded as showing an amelioration of the general European situation.

It is reported that the cause of peace has made great strides, Austria having come in line with other Powers in urging moderation towards Turkey.

In the case of Airs versus the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board, the Judge found untrue misrepresentation, but this was only due to carelessness and inaccuracy.

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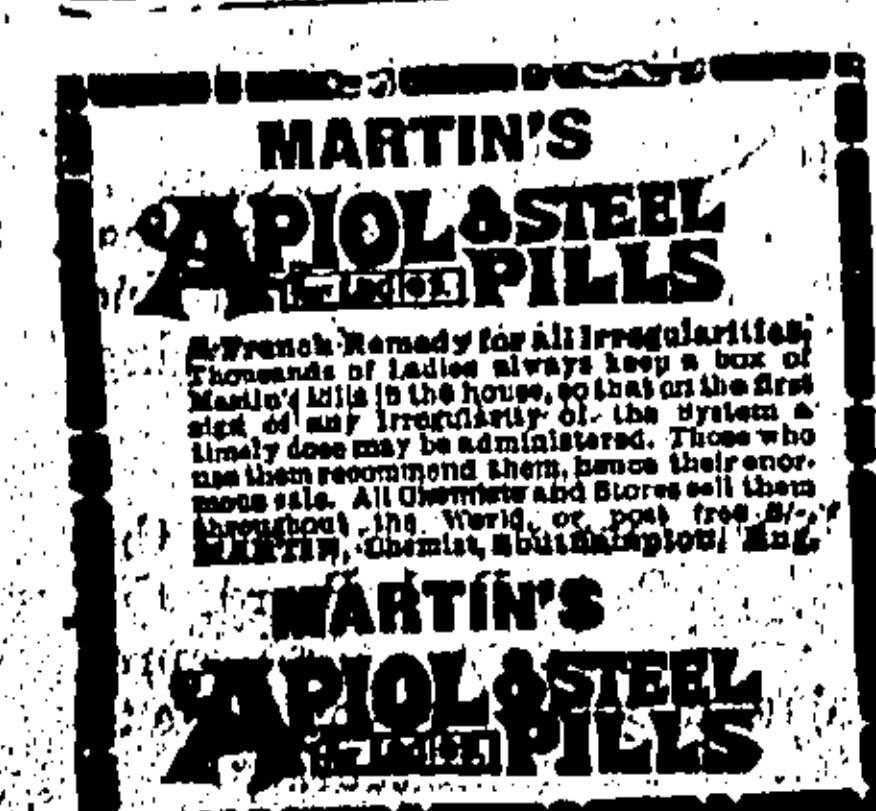
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South China Morning Post.

Playgoers and Their Pleasures.  
There is certainly much to commend the proposal, (the formation of a Playgoers Society) for even though charitably inclined, qualified persons have been tempted to criticise in harsh terms the gifts and efforts of "artistes" who have strenuously sought to entertain the public. The standard set was not a very high one for many years; circumstances make it impossible for a company of "principals" or star artistes to tour the East. We have been content to see the performances, but have in our hours of meditation contrasted them with those witnessed in some of the cities of England. Hongkong has paid cheerfully for its pleasure, and will doubtless do so again, but this is no reason why co-operative effort—directed by a Playgoers' Club—should not tend to vastly improve the standard of entertainment by encouraging excellent organisations from all parts to visit the East.

Daily Press.

A Regrettable Attitude.  
To pass from great things to smaller, though none the less significant, the passing of the dragon emblem is a loss that will mean a great deal to Chinese art and decoration, unless, as seems not improbable, it finally survives and remains irrevocably associated with China. Although the Manchu Emperors sat on the dragon throne, wore dragon robes, and finally "mounted the dragon to become guests on high," the fabulous creature was not by any means a Manchu importation, but has played an important part in China from the earliest times and has formed the motif of some of her finest specimens of art. The ruthless extermination of the past that we have noticed in these two instances may be traced in many other matters—a notable example is the attempt, a few months ago, to abolish the celebration of Confucian anniversaries—and in all there is the same danger to be feared. One of the most precious assets any country can be endowed with is a well storied past, a past rich in the histories of great and noble men. No country is saved or becomes great by its laws or commerce or military prowess alone; there must be behind all these a true national spirit and a feeling of pride in one's country, and this applies with especial force to a State made up of heterogeneous elements, as China is.

China Mail.

Education in The Colony.  
We feel sure that the statement made by H. E. the Governor in his interesting little speech on Thursday at the Prize Distribution to the pupils of Victoria British School would be read by all Foreigners, and particularly British parents in the Colony, with very much attention. The remark of Sir Henry May which would especially appeal to them would be of course the following:—"I think that we in this Colony—by 'we' I mean the official 'we'—pay rather too much attention to the education of other people's children and too little to the education of the children of our own people." That this statement is true is regrettable; but the regret, we feel sure, need no longer be felt after the above remark, for to all appearance the Governor has the matter in view, and a remedy of the regrettable state of affairs may be, we hope, confidently anticipated.

Judge Attacked at Ichang.  
The "N. China Daily News" Ichang correspondent writes on December 7:—Last night while a case implicating a soldier was being tried at the Court of Justice, the Judge gave a decision unfavourable to the accused and many of his soldier friends at once attacked the Judge and beat him. He was rescued, however, by an officer who managed to persuade the soldiers to return to their camp.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Torture at Nanyang. The "O. C. Post" says that torture was used in a trial at Nanyang the other day to extort confessions from two thieves. The torture system was nominally abolished before the end of the Manchu dynasty.

Knowledge of Baseball useful. Helens, Mont., November 2.— Charged by a wounded deer and unable to use his rifle which had jammed, Mr. Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington American League team, saved himself from probable serious injury by seizing a stone the size of a baseball, he threw and struck the animal on the head, felling it. He then killed the deer with the butt of his gun.

Strike on Canadian Pacific. Winnipeg, Manitoba, November 5.—Fifteen hundred employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway are on strike to-day, demanding a wage increase of from 15 to 20 per cent. The men who went out are members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and are composed principally of clerks in the freight department. The company claims the places of the strikers will be filled by to-night. The system west of Fort William, Ont., to the Pacific Coast also is affected.

Separation of Civil Authority. The "N. China Daily News" states that the Shanghai Prefect has received an order from Tuhu Chen, of Nanking, to effect that inasmuch as peace and order have been restored, the separation of civil authority from the military is essential. The President has appointed Mr. Yiu Te-hung to be Administrator of Kiangsu, and the Tuhu has handed over matters of a civil nature to his control, so all orders on civil affairs issued by him in the name of Tuhu, shall be regarded as issued by the Civil Administrator, who, in future, shall have independent authority over civil questions.

A Quaint Collection. Washington, November 12.—Aged, musty text books, no matter how begrimed or dilapidated, are wanted by the United States Bureau of Education. The Bureau has issued an appeal to those who may have some relics from the days of the "little red school house," and who might be induced to part with their keepsakes. The intention is to make a collection of rare textbooks and to add to the existing pedagogic library which the Bureau hopes to build up until it is the best equipped authority of its kind in the English-speaking world.

Awards to Chinese Firms. The official list of awards at the International Exhibition of Turin has now been issued. While the International Superior Jury specially appointed to revise the awards proposed by the special juries has used considerable discrimination, thus avoiding as far as practical the recriminations common to similar exhibitions, the list includes not less than 30,000 names. Among the Chinese firms or individuals to whom prizes were delivered, is the Han-Yeh Ping Iron and Coal Co., to which was given a Grand Prix. Those interested may see this list at the office of Dr. Livio Silva, 89 Broadway.

Monroe Doctrine Substitute. Washington, November 9.—Latin-American diplomats are discussing to-day the attack on the Monroe Doctrine made yesterday by Dr. Manuel de Oliveira Lima, of the Brazilian legation, at the luncheon given in his honour by the Pan-American Union. Dr. Lima frankly said that the countries of the western hemisphere were utterly opposed to the doctrine, not that they did not appreciate the protection of the power of the United States, but that they were resentful of the assumption by this country of the power of a protectorate. He offered as a substitute the communal opposition of the nations of the western hemisphere against encroachment on the principles laid down by President Monroe. The distinguished Brazilian has discussed international politics of the western world before a score of universities in this country, and, after filling lecture engagements at Harvard and Yale, he will sail for Rio Janeiro on Nov. 20.

## SERVICE MATTERS.

Midshipmen's Annual Examination Abolished. The Admiralty have directed that the annual examination of midshipmen is to be abolished. No examination was therefore held last month.

R.G.A. Instructor at Colombo. Captain H. G. Sergeant, R.G.A., has been appointed Gunnery Instructor of the company in Colombo, Ceylon, in succession to Lieut. R. V. Douglas who went home some time ago. Capt. Sergeant is coming out from Chatham and arrives in Colombo by the middle of next month.

Albert Medal for Colour-Sergeant.

The King has conferred the Albert Medal of the Second Class being upon Colour-Sergt. John William Henderson, 1st Batt.

King's Own Scottish Borderers,

in recognition of his gallantry in saving life on the occasion of an explosion at the Laboratory, Delhi Fort, on April 24 last, when at imminent risk to his own life from further shell explosions, he entered the premises and rescued a Lascar, after which he returned to the danger zone to render further aid if possible.

A Military Degree.

For some time past the General Staff have been looking anxiously to the Universities to play a more prominent part in the offering of the Army and the Auxiliary Forces. There are encouraging signs of a response in a general inclination to forward the study of the military science, by means of lectures and otherwise. It is understood that University College, London, has taken a step further in the required direction by the institution of a degree in military science. The syllabus for the June course for the first year—which will be available for these sitting for the intermediate examination next summer, and for those who are candidates for commissions in the Regular Army—includes tactics, map-reading, and field-engineering; and for the second term, applied tactics and field-sketching. Any move in the direction of raising the standard of military education in the Army, and the provision of a reserve of really intelligent officers, is to be commended.

The New Naval Appointments.

With regard to the more important offices, it had already been stated when he left the Admiralty last December that Vice-Admiral Sir George Egerton was to get the Plymouth command when it became vacant. It is, however, somewhat of a surprise to find that Admiral Sir Alfred Winsloe, who assumed command in China in March, 1910, is to be relieved by a rear-admiral. This is an indication, perhaps, that the Eastern Fleet will in future be under the supreme command of the admiral flying the flag in the Australian Squadron. Apparently, also, the post of Chief of the War Staff may become an annual appointment, and in future be held by an officer of higher rank. Rear-Admiral E.C.T. Troubridge, who takes command of the Mediterranean Cruiser Squadron, is to be relieved by Vice-Admiral Sir Henry B. Jackson, from the Naval War College. This change creates a vacancy which is to be filled by Rear-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Bethell, who left the post of Naval Intelligence to take up that of the Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies, where he is to be relieved by Rear-Admiral R. H. Peirse, recently Director of Naval Target Practice. Rear-Admiral David Beatty, who is to command the First Cruiser Squadron, will also have been just a year in January the Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, in which post he is to be succeeded by Rear-Admiral D. De Chair, who was to last year the Naval Assistant to the Controller of the Navy. Vice-Admiral Sir F. S. Inglesfield, who is to be relieved by Vice-Admiral A. M. Farquhar, who has held the appointment of Admiral commanding the Coastguard and Reserves since December, 1909, and the other changes are generally called for by the regulations fixing the period of the command, although in one or two instances an officer goes from the appointment he is now holding to a better one, which is all in the direction of giving longer experience at sea to the rear-admirals in command.

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## H. M. S. DEFENCE.

Departure From Colombo for the West.

The "Times of Ceylon," of November 30 has the following regarding H. M. S. Defence which, it will be remembered, passed through Singapore, under sealed orders, Westward-bound, about the middle of last month. Apparently she has not been in such a hurry to leave the precincts of the Colombo break-water as she was to depart from Tanjong Pagar wharf:—

Since Friday, November 22, H. M. S. Defence has been in the harbour awaiting orders. Only six months ago she proceeded to the China Station and was at Wei-hai-Wei undergoing her annual gun practice.

She has been in the harbour awaiting orders. There were many conjectures on board as to what the future work of the vessel would be. Would she be going to the Mediterranean to fight the Italians? or the Austrians or the Germans? were among the questions which were asked and which, naturally, pending the orders which were to be received at Colombo, remained unanswered.

For a period of nine days the Defence has been awaiting "orders," and we had almost come to regard the ship in the same light as the poor—always with us. Two troopers were in the harbour yesterday—the Rohilla, carry 1,131 units for Southampton, and the Soudan where more time expired soldiers would be taken on board.

A correspondent suggested in our columns that the Defence may be the escort to these two troopers, but up to the time of their arrival no disquieting news had been received. So the Soudan sailed by herself for Bombay yesterday afternoon, the Rohilla got underway last night for her destination, and the Defence still remained within the shelter of the harbour breakwater.

The Defence has earned for herself the appellation of the Consular Change. The German Consul-General at Yokohama has been appointed Minister to Abyssinia. Herr von Syburg was appointed Consul-General at Yokohama on February 21, 1903, and with the exception of a brief interval in 1909, when Herr F. Thiel, now Consul in Kobe, was in Yokohama as Acting Consul-General, has represented his country's commercial interests in Yokohama for nearly ten years.

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"mysterious warship." With a view to ascertaining whether any definite information had been received as to her forthcoming departure, a Times of Ceylon representative boarded her this morning and sought out Commander Douglas W. Hamilton Gordon. "The public of Colombo have shown an extraordinary interest in your arrival and the fact that you have been so long awaiting orders, in view of the war in the Near East. Can you give any information as to when you will sail, and whither?" the representative asked.

With sailor-like directness and precision came the answer: "We sail at four o'clock this afternoon, bound for the Mediterranean. And whether we shall get there or not we don't know."

The scene on board was one of quiet preparedness. There was no rushing about and nothing to indicate that anything out of the ordinary was going to happen. For eventualities the ship had been prepared. It will be remembered that we have already stated that the men were not allowed ashore except for a short period. All were aboard this morning and the only thing that remained to be taken up was the gangway. And so we lose our mysterious warship."

The ship steamed out of the harbour exactly at four o'clock, the ship's band playing several well-known songs, concluding with "Say au revoir, but not goodbye" and "Auld Lang Syne." The other warships in the harbour saluted her, and the band on H.M.S. Newcastle also played "Auld Lang Syne."

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#### THE LABOUR LEADER.

We stated, the other day, that the South Wales Miners' Federation at Cardiff had decided by 1,053 votes to 601—each vote representing fifty members—that the salary of their agents should be reduced from £4 to £3 a week. On this subject Mr. C. B. Stanton, a miners' agent—and consequently a sufferer by the new rule—has been disburthening his soul in one of the Home papers, and it is only fair to concede that he makes out a tolerably good case for the agitating fraternity. We do not, of course, accept the initial idea that the paid agitator is any way needful or desirable; but, if he were, we should feel decidedly sorry for Mr. Stanton and his like; for they appear to be very much between the devil and the deep sea.

No one supposes that all labour-leaders are necessarily rogues and humbugs. We all know that there are scoundrels among them—creatures who are too lazy to do an honest day's work and are astute enough to know that, by exploiting the British workman, (who, as we have often had occasion to observe, is the most gullible being on earth) they can live in idleness. But, in addition to this amiable group, there are two others. (1.) the hard-headed workman with more brains and insight than his fellows, who sees an opportunity of bettering his own condition, *not*—be it understood—by merely living on their credulity, but by giving them what he honestly considers to be their money's worth in speech-making, organising etc., and (2.) the more fanatical type who firmly believes in the working man's grievance and considers himself specially ordained by Providence to banish that grievance. This type is undoubtedly the least mercenary of the three and would be willing to—in fact often does—do his agitating entirely at his own expense.

For the first-mentioned variety of agitator, no punishment can be too severe, for he is feathering his nest out of the workman's hard-won earnings, not caring a button if the workman himself starves. For the third group we would suggest kindly restraint, for, with the best will in the world, they make bad worse at every turn and do more harm with five minutes' tongue-wagging than a year's careful legislation can undo. With the middle group we owe to a sneaking sympathy. Such men have few illusions themselves and they rarely seek to humbug those whom they represent; more often than not, they are fair-dealing persons who work even harder at their adopted calling than they would have done at their own trade. They have to try to please everyone; the merest sign of readiness on their part to see the other side of the question is construed by their followers as vacillation or even treachery; at any moment they are liable to be roundly abused by both sides, and altogether their three or four pounds a week are very hardly gained. The best advice we can give them is, instead of grumbling at their decrease in wage, to seek some more satisfactory calling. No one asked them to set up in the agitating line of business and they would do well to get clear of it. The next thing we look to hear is that the strike-leaders themselves have gone on strike for a higher wage.

#### "The Play's the Thing."

The suggestion, emanating from Shanghai, to form a confederation of Playgoers' Clubs in the Far East, has much to commend it. Hongkong, it is often alleged, has an especial fondness for musical comedy, but the attendances at "The Ideal Husband" last week (to go no further back) indicate that Hongkong has a large public which takes a strong interest in legitimate drama. It seems safe to assume that an active local Playgoers' club would do much to develop that interest, while co-operation between a number of such clubs should result in fairly regular visits from companies of really good class. The scheme has much to be said for it and we hope to hear shortly that Hongkong has taken it up. There is plenty of material in the Colony for the formation of a society which would perform a really useful service.

#### The Admiral Bridgeman Case.

As we observed the other day, it seems well nigh impossible to get at the exact facts surrounding the resignation of Vice-Admiral Bridgeman. The discussion has brought about a good deal of bitterness in the House, but there is one feature of this which we cannot reasonably regret. At the present moment (whatever may be the merits of the case) we have the edifying spectacle of a man whose sole knowledge of naval matters has been derived from text-books, blue-books and hearsay, occupying the position of First Lord of the Admiralty, and contradicting, and laying down the law to, a man like Lord Charles Beresford, who is old enough to be Mr. Churchill's father and has grown grey in the sea-service of his country.

#### Every Man to His Trade.

Mr. Winston Churchill may be an excellent politician; he may have been a clever—if fanciful—war-correspondent; but it will be a long time before he persuades the mass of the British people that he can teach men like Admirals Beresford and Bridgeman how a navy should be controlled. The same kind of thing has also happened at the War Office, time and again. Officers such as Lord Kitchener have been instructed in warfare by civilians who scarcely know butt from muzzle and the conduct of a whole war has been left in the hands of ministers who never saw anything very serious in the way of fighting in their lives. Is it not about time that ruling positions at the Admiralty and the War Office were restricted to men of experience?

#### The Tariff Muddle.

It is a thousand pities that, at a moment when unity above all else is needed among those who are opposed to the present Liberal Government, the complex tariff question should once again be thrust into the foreground of politics at Home. And what is more to be regretted still, is the fact that the more Unionist speakers explain the matter, the greater becomes the confusion. We note that Mr. F. E. Smith, endorsing the policy of Mr. Bonar Law, says the latter never stated that the decision on food taxes was to be left to the Colonies. The full text of the speech has, of course, not come East yet, but the following sentences from Mr. Bonar Law's historic utterance are taken from the summary supplied by Reuter:—"If the Colonies do desire such an arrangement, there will be no food taxes. If they consider them non-essential for preference, then, also, they will not be imposed." These are words, surely, which it is impossible to misconstrue. One other point, Mr. Smith urged dissentient Unionists not to divide the Party in a time of crisis. Who, we would like to know, is dividing the Party but Mr. Bonar Law, by his new declaration, and other opposition Front Benchers who support it? They are the men who are creating all the trouble.

#### A Head Wound.

A Chinese has been removed to hospital from the Western district suffering from a wound on the head said to have been inflicted by another coolie. The latter, it is alleged, was about to loot some of his employer's cargo and when the injured man tried to prevent him he inflicted a wound on the head with a cargo hook. The feature should prove a great draw and a treat to the children.

#### DAY BY DAY.

A great many people have no ideals at all; they have only appetites.

H. M. S. Kent.

H. M. S. Kent came out of dock to-day, and moored at the man-of-war anchorage.

Departed.

Mr. F. Lieb was among the passengers who left for the North by the Chiyu Maru.

The s.s. Kueichow.

The s.s. Kueichow came out of dock to-day after overhaul, looking spick and span.

Admiral Li.

Admiral Li, accompanied by his wife, was a passenger by the s.s. Chiyu Maru, for the North.

Child Abandoned.

A small child found abandoned in the Hung Hom district, has been sent to the Italian Convent.

The "Patria."

The "Patria," Commander Jose Carvalho Crato, has arrived from Macao and will remain in harbour for a few days.

German Cruiser Arrives.

The German cruiser Emden steamed into harbour yesterday from Foochow, and will remain here for a fortnight.

Ferris Hartman Company.

The Ferris-Hartman Company is due to arrive on the morning of Christmas Day and is to open at the Theatre Royal on the 26th.

Depositing Rubbish.

A Chinese was fined \$7 by Mr. Hazelton at the Police Court, this morning for depositing rubbish in the street at West Point.

Christmas Mail Delivered.

The English mail which left here on November 23, carrying the Christmas parcels, was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

Change of Run.

The s.s. Kueichow, usually on the Hongkong-Tientsin run, leaves for the Philippines to-morrow, taking the place of the Tean, at present in dock for overhaul.

Disabled Vessel.

The s.s. Keung Wai, from Bangkok, reports having taken in tow from Hoitow to Hongkong the steamer Wonghoi, the latter boat having broken her screw shaft on the voyage from Hoitow to Singapore.

Caught at Last.

In October, 1910, a man was sent to gaol for six weeks, but whilst in the ante-room he escaped. On Sunday morning he was arrested in Hung Hom, and this morning he was remanded by Mr. Hazelton.

Stolen Saddle.

A Chinese was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks at the Police Court for stealing a riding saddle and stable utensils from Kennedy's stables, the property of Mr. Grosson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Children's Sports.

Our readers are reminded of the Children's Sports at Kowloon on New Year's Day. There is still time left in which to subscribe, and the "Telegraph" list is still open. All subscriptions received will be acknowledged in our columns.

Alan Wilkie Company.

The Alan Wilkie Company, which created so favourable an impression here recently, is due to return early next month. The company will open on January 7 with Sydney Grundy's play, "A Bunch of Violets," and the season is to extend during ten nights, with one matinee.

Serious Charge Against Women.

A woman was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with unlawfully receiving bank drafts etc. representing \$28,000. Mr. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell, who defended, asked for a remand and this was granted, bail in \$500 being allowed.

Victoria Theatre.

It was hardly conceivable that the enterprising management of Victoria Theatre would allow Christmas to pass over without introducing some special feature into their programme of entertainment, and on Boxing Day a special matinee will be held at which prizes will be drawn for, as it were. Over \$500 worth of toys and sweets has been provided by the managers and each person in the Theatre will receive a ticket, the duplicate of which will be retained. The tickets will be drawn on the stage, and the winning numbers announced. The feature should prove a great draw and a treat to the children.

#### THE BOYCOTT.

##### Yesterday's Free Rides.

There was no dearth of passengers by the cars yesterday; in both first and third class compartments free rides were granted to all and sundry. The sampan boys and the poorer members of the Indian community had the treat of their lives, for many of them gave the impression that they were indulging in a car ride for the first time.

The Real Losers.

The speaker then touched on the money side of the boycott. The Tramways Company would be compensated by the Government; then how would the boycott hurt the Company? The Chinese themselves would be the losers, because that compensation would have to be collected by the Government in the form of increased taxation; so that the people whom the Chinese boycotters were injuring, were their own compatriots and not the British at all.

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## LOCAL SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

R. G. A. Versus the Club. Saturday's game on the Military Ground on Saturday, between the R.G.A. and the Hongkong Club, had a remarkably exciting finish. The Club was leading until thirty seconds from the final whistle, when one of the halves had the misfortune to place the ball into his own goal through kicking at a ball that would have gone wide of the net, and in consequence equalising for the soldiers.

The Club lacked the services of Hamilton, through an injury to his knee which he received in the match played two days before, and Stalker played in his place. Brown appeared in the forward line again, playing centre with Pennell inside left. In the second moiety, however, they changed places.

From the kick off the soldiers took up the aggressive but there was very little finish about their play and their shooting was far from good. The Club defence was too keen to be fooled, and the match appeared as though it would be a very even one. Once Barlow was applauded for a save that was worthy of all the praise it received. The Club did not mean to remain idle and very soon arranged a dangerous incursion into the goal area of the R.G.A. There was no result from the first one, however, and a second was also fruitless but in the third the Club had their determination crowned with success. Wilson cleverly intercepted a clearance from one of the backs and nicely passed it to Benton who in turn placed Pennell in possession the latter finding the net with a very fine cross-shot. The Club were not content with this goal, however, and did their best to augment the score but though they had their full share of honours in the exchanges that took place up to the interval they could not penetrate the goal a second time. The score at half time was: Hongkong Club 1 goal, R.G.A. nil.

The second half was very evenly contested, the soldiers putting in all they knew to get level but they found the Club defence a bit too cuts for them. The Club realised too that the soldiers defence had quickened a bit and they were forbidden too much of their own way in the quarter in their custody. The R.G.A. were very poor at shooting, however, and their chances of equalising suffered in consequence of their poor marksmanship. It was within the last thirty seconds of the game that calamity beset the Club. One of the halves in making a flying kick at a ball which was sent in, twirled it into his own goal. The Club took the fatal accident well and tried again to score, but time was too short, and they had to be content with draw in a game which, in truth they had won. Final score: The Club 1 goal, R.G.A. 1 goal.

## SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

High scoring was the order of the game on Saturday between the Hongkong C.C. and the Garrison, played on the former's ground. Over 300 runs were scored during the afternoon while three scores of fifty and over were made by Capt. Crawford, Major Bowen not out, and A.C.E. Elboworth. The Garrison declared at 200 for six, against which Hongkong put up 139 for 4, leaving the game a very open draw. The scores were as follows:

## The Garrison.

Capt. Crawford, c. H. Hancock	52
Capt. Robertson, l.b.w., b	
Dodwell	20
Lieut. G. de Houghton, c	
Thursfield, b Anderson	31
Lieut. Paris, b Fowler	3
Major Bowen, not out	54
H. Matthews, st. H. Hancock, b Anderson	
Major Currie, st. H. Hancock, b Dodwell	
Lieut. Bagwell, Lieut. White, the Rev. Foster-Pegg, and Lieut. Veitch did not bat...	10
Extras	
Total (for 6 wickets)	200
Bowling Analysis:	
O. M. R. W.	
S. H. Dodwell	11 1 46 2
R. Hancock	6 1 20 0
D. E. Donnelly	3 1 18 0
R. N. Anderson	14 2 72 3
E. A. S. Fowler	7 1 14 1
J. S. Lloyd	3 0 20 0

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## BANKRUPTCY COURT.

## Twelve Cases Dealt with This Morning.

This morning the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, sat at the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction, when, altogether, twelve cases were dealt with.

Mr. H. Nisbet appeared as Official Receiver.

In the case of Wong Ming Cho, a comprador, an order of adjudication was made and the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

During his public examination, which followed, debtor said that last year he received sums amounting to Ta. 5,300 and this year \$1,650. His liabilities amounted to \$115,000 odd, and he attributed his insolvency to loss of business, bad debts, and loss on property at the "Assay."

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who prosecuted, asked for a formal remand. He opposed bail.

Mr. F.X. D'Almada asked for bail as he was representing the two defendants, who pleaded not guilty.

His Worship suggested \$1,000.

Mr. D'Almada said that his clients were only boatmen and the police had their licence and had detained their boat for some time.

Mr. Lewis thought that no less a sum should be fixed.

His Worship said that the charge was a serious one.

Mr. D'Almada said that they could put anything on the charge sheet. When the case was heard it would be found that there was nothing against his clients.

His Worship fixed bail at \$1,000 stating that Mr. D'Almada could renew his application for a reduction of bail if the amount could not be found.

## STOLE A GAS BURNER.

A sentence of six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was passed by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, on a man who stole a gas burner, from a latrine in Connought Road Central.

Inspector McDonald asked for a heavy penalty as the Government had lost thousands of dollars through this practice.

His Worship said he was sorry he could not order a whipping.

## BOAT PEOPLE FINED.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning, two boat people were charged before Commander Basil Taylor with disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master by anchoring their junks to the wrecks of Proserpine Rocks on Dec. 22.

They were each fined \$10.

A boatwoman who carried 4 persons in excess of the number allowed by her licence on Dec. 22 was fined \$7.30, while another who committed a similar offence, with five extra passengers, had to pay a like sum.

For unlawfully depositing rubbish in the harbour and for failing to stop her boat when called upon, a woman on a fishing junk was fined \$5.

## SOLDIER DISCHARGED.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a private in the Army Ordnance Corps was charged with doing damage to the extent of \$1.50 in Spring Garden Lane, by upsetting a tea tray which was being carried by the complainant.

European Constable 127 said that about 11.30 p.m. he was on duty in Spring Garden Lane, and he saw the defendant and the complainant on the top of the steps in Sampan Street. Defendant was arrested and taken to No. 2 Police Station. Defendant was not drunk though he probably had a drink or two.

Defendant said a boy was coming along with a tea tray containing toast and other things. He took a piece of toast from the tray. Complainant threw the lot over him, then ran away and blew a police whistle. Three policemen came and one asked him if he was prepared to pay \$1.50 for the damage. He replied that since the tray was thrown at him he would not pay. He was then arrested.

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rested.

Defendant was discharged.

In the case of the Sin Leung firm, Mr. Nisbet said the debtor had absconded. There was no statement of affairs; a meeting of creditors was held; no resolution was passed, and he asked for the debtor to be adjudicated bankrupt and the Official Receiver to be appointed trustee.

The case of Tang Sun Kee was adjourned until the next sitting.

## A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Alleged Theft of Tin from the Assay.

Two men were charged by L. S. Wills before Mr. C. E. Melbourne, and the Police Court, this morning, with converting to their own use twenty five blocks of tin, valued about \$2,500, entrusted to them by the P. and O. company from their ship the "Assay."

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who prosecuted, asked for a formal remand. He opposed bail.

Mr. F.X. D'Almada asked for bail as he was representing the two defendants, who pleaded not guilty.

His Worship suggested \$1,000.

Mr. D'Almada said that his clients were only boatmen and the police had their licence and had detained their boat for some time.

Mr. Lewis thought that no less a sum should be fixed.

His Worship said that the charge was a serious one.

Mr. D'Almada said that they could put anything on the charge sheet. When the case was heard it would be found that there was nothing against his clients.

His Worship fixed bail at \$1,000 stating that Mr. D'Almada could renew his application for a reduction of bail if the amount could not be found.

Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon Looker and Deacon, on behalf of the firm.

Mr. Shenton said:—In this case I represent the debtor. There is a notice of opposition on the file, denying the debt, and denying the act of bankruptcy. I have a certificate here from Dr. Davenport of Canton to the effect that Mr. Arndt is suffering from acute neurasthenia and is under medical treatment. He has been ordered to take a rest for a considerable period.

His Lordship:—Where is Arndt?

Mr. Shenton:—In Canton; I have the certificate here.

Mr. Hind:—I have no objection to the petition being adjourned until next time.

His Lordship pointed out that the petition mentioned the name of another partner in the firm and it was explained that that gentleman was at present away from the Colony on leave.

The proceedings are accordingly suspended.

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 & CALCUTTA .....  
 SHANGHAI ..... CHOYSANGI ..... Friday, 27th Dec., at Noon.  
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOKI, YOKOYAMA, & YAMAMOTO	SAWA MARU Capt. Shimizu, T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, TAUSSAY, ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sakine, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi, T. 9,500	WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU Capt. Tabata, T. 12,500	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 11 a.m.
CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang and Rangoon	COLOMBO MARU Capt. Kawashima, Tons 6,000	SATURDAY, 28th December.
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Kaga Maru	12,500	12th February.
Atsuta Maru	16,000	26th February.
Hitsuchi Maru	18,000	12th March.
Miyasaki Maru	16,000	26th March.
Kilano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hinno Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	13,500	21st May.

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Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidzuki Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tambo Maru	12,500	11th March.
Awa Maru	12,500	26th March.
Sado Maru	12,500	4th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuka Maru	12,500	20th May.

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HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES.  
PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 7th December, 1912.

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## LOG-BOOK.

## Customs Returns.

From the July-September issue of the Customs Gazette, which has just been published, a few of the figures may be of interest, as showing in outline the results of the past quarter. Shanghai shows a total collection of H.K. Tls. 2,009,569 as compared with Tls. 2,470,102 in the corresponding period last year. Opium duty accounts for Tls. 132,608 and opium likin for Tls. 331,719 as against Tls. 29,586 and Tls. 75,388 respectively last year. The tonnage of vessels entered was 2,300,980 as compared with 2,261,876, and cleared 2,329,489 as against 2,331,170.

At Hankow the total collection was Tls. 912,508 as compared with Tls. 1,085,701 last year.

At Tientsin the figures are (1912) Tls. 883,457 and (1911) Tls. 900,583; at Canton Tls. 764,523 and Tls. 837,715; and at Changsha Tls. 58,001 and Tls. 154,194.

Captain Grathorne, R.N.R.

The Board of Trade have appointed Captain W. O. Grathorne, R.N.R., lately holding a command in the Cunard line and formerly well-known as chief officer of the Mauretania, as a member of the Liverpool Local Marine Board thus filling the vacancy created by the death of the late Captain Edmund R. Peel. Capt. Grathorne is a member of the Management Committee of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild in which capacity he actively identifies himself with the efforts of the body in promoting the interests of the nautical profession. Another member of the Management Committee of the Guild, Captain J. T. W. Charles, C.B., R.D., R.N.R., of the Lusitania, has lately been added to the Boats and Davits Committee on the request of the President of the Board of Trade, thus strengthening the Committee very materially in respect to actual seafaring experience, and the findings and recommendations of the committee will thus command all the greater importance.

Japan and Panama.

The "Financier's" Commercial correspondent writes:—The opening of the Panama Canal, or one of its direct results, as seen on the Stock Exchange, has raised the value of Hawaiian securities. The Hawaiian Islands lie about half-way on the sea route between America and the Far Eastern ports of Asia. These islands belong to the United States, along with the Panama Canal, constitute, at least in the Eastern half of the Pacific Ocean, the means of communication with lines extending in several directions to the Asiatic coasts. To go from the coast of North America to the ports of Japan takes fast passenger steamers 16 to 20 days, in view of which a stoppage half way for renewal of fuel and fresh water becomes a necessity for ordinary steamers. As owners of the Hawaiian Islands, the United States are chiefly interested in the position. Japan, however, cannot remain indifferent to such a situation, as she lays claim to a large share of influence in the Pacific. It is stated in Yokohama that the United States have fully decided to equip the Hawaiian Islands efficiently for the services that will be expected of them after the canal is opened. It is looked upon as purely chance that the United States should have acquired this territorial advantage over Japan. At the same time, this advantage increases the importance of the Panama Canal and constitutes it not only a door between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, but in the strict sense of the term a water tunnel connecting America's great sea routes. In Yokohama it is apprehended that the opening of the canal will involve a tremendous revolution in both land and sea freights affecting America. And this can be, to some extent, anticipated in that the United States are organising the unification of their political economy. The coming great trust of the new world is foreseen in the form of a gigantic organisation for strengthening the various steamship companies on the Pacific Ocean.

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For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg: S.S. BRASILIA ..... 11th Jan.  
For Havre & Hamburg: S.S. SAMBA ..... 16th Jan.  
For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg: S.S. FURST LUDWIG ..... 21st Jan.  
For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg: S.S. ARmenia ..... 5th Jan.  
For Havre & Hamburg: S.S. A.T.M.A.K ..... 5th Feb.  
For Marseilles, Bremen & Hamburg: S.S. GULDEN FELS ..... 7th Feb.  
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## WESTWARD.

The S.S. "OKARA" 5,211 tons gross, Captain, E. B. Hirst, will be dispatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on the 12th January, 1913 at noon, and will be followed by the S.S. "UPADA" 5,257 tons gross, Captain, Logan, sailing hence on or about the 20th January 1913 at noon, taking cargo at current rates.

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Telephone No. 218, Hongkong, 21st December, 1912.

## LOG BOOK.

The New Thames Tunnel.

The new foot tunnel between North and South Woolwich marks an important stage in the history of that part of the Thames. The opening occurs at a time in the year when the need of a tunnel is most felt, for it was constructed mainly because of the inconvenience by fog, which frequently brings about a complete stoppage of the foot ferry service, thus preventing workmen and others from crossing the river. During 1900 to 1907 the ferry was suspended owing to fog for a total of 833 hours, or an average of 104 hours per year. The stoppages occurred during the early morning, when workpeople had to cross the river to their work. So great has been the inconvenience caused by the dislocation of the ferry service that many employers of labour were forced to give preference when engaging men to those who had no need to cross the river. The thickness of the river bed above the tunnel is about ten feet. The tunnel has taken over two years to complete, although the actual tunnel length was started in December, 1910, and finished in October, 1911. Access to the tunnel is obtained by lifts holding 40 persons each, and also by spiral staircases. London has now five passages under the river. Brunel's tunnel, between Rotherhithe and Wapping, now used by the railway, which took eighteen years to construct, was opened for traffic in 1843, and the other four have all come into use with the last fifteen—Blackwall in 1897, Greenwich 1902, Rotherhithe 1908, and Woolwich 1912. But it is more than a century since a project was put forward for constructing a tunnel under the Thames. In 1798 it was proposed to build one at Gravesend, but the scheme was abandoned. Other schemes were brought forward in subsequent years, but Brunel was the first to succeed where others had failed. For many years there was a sub-way at the Tower; it was begun in 1869, and when first opened passengers were conveyed on vehicles drawn by steam engines

After a time, however, this was abandoned, and those who used the subway had to walk. The tunnel was closed in 1897. Blackwall tunnel cost a million and a half. The Rotherhithe tunnel cost £1,000,000, and that at Greenwich £180,000. Blackwall and Rotherhithe tunnels are for vehicular traffic as well as foot passengers.

**Light Destroyed by Sailing Ship.**  
At 2.30 this morning, says an Adelaide report, dated November 17, the Wonga Shoal Lighthouse, a structure 80 ft. high, situated a short distance from the Semaphore jetty and near the Outer Harbour, was destroyed by the sailing ship Dimsdale which came up the Gulf and entered the Semaphore anchorage without the services of a pilot. Both persons on the lighthouse were drowned. Nothing was left standing except a few broken piles. Fortunately it is not the custom at the Port Adelaide light station for keepers' wives and families to reside with them, otherwise the death toll would have been more serious.

The Dimsdale bears evidence of the collision on her stem and on her port and starboard bows. All the South Australian lighthouses and those from Fremantle to Brisbane were promptly informed of the disaster and asked to communicate with ships bound to Port Adelaide, informing them of the calamity. Captain T. B. Richardson (chief pilot) went off to the Dimsdale early this morning. She was lying within a quarter of a mile to the north of where the lighthouse had stood. Captain Jones said that his vessel had taken a sheer and had run into the lighthouse. Asked whether the light was burning brightly he replied in the affirmative, and stated that he had not signalled for a pilot, as he did not want one. The accident, he said, happened at 2.32 a.m. He lowered a boat to search for the occupants of the demolished lighthouse, but no body could be seen. In view of the pending inquiry he did not wish to make any further statement. He remarked, however, that he had been a master mariner for 35 years, and never had he had been a master mariner for 35 years, and never had he had a mishap. At the time of the disaster a moderate south south east wind was blowing. That would be a fair wind for a sailing vessel approaching the Semaphore anchorage. The Dimsdale arrived from Bahia, Brazil, somewhat unexpectedly in November, 1912, having been on a long voyage to the Far East, and had been

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Hongkong, 16th Dec., 1912. [392]

## To Sail

## Hongkong—New York.



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HONGKONG—NEW YORK (With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast).

British S.S. "SWAZI" on or about 11th January, 1913.

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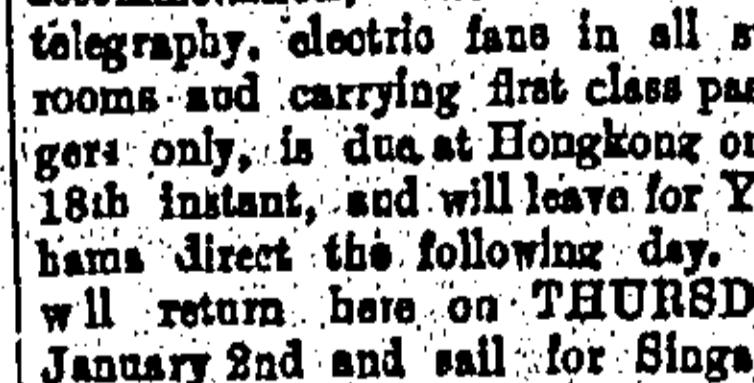
Hongkong, 2nd Dec., 1912. [587]

previous occasions for wheat.

The cost of the structure so sensationally demolished by the Dimsdale was £20,000, including £3,500 for a lantern manufactured by Chance Bros. of England. It was built in 1900-1 and stood in 18ft. of water at low tide. It flashed every 30 seconds and had a range of visibility of 17 miles.

## To Sail

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## AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast).

THE Steamer

"BOUVILLIEN" will be despatched from this port on 30th December.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 12th Nov., 1912. [844]

The s.s. Thongwa, from Shang-

hai and Kobe, left Moji on the 20th,

and may be expected here on or

about the 24th inst. a.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Borneo, has

left Sandakan on Thursday the 18th of Dec. at p.m., and may be

expected here on or about Tues-

day the 27th of Dec. at noon.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. Sicilia, due here

at daylight on Tuesday, 24th inst.

will leave on Wednesday, 25th Dec.

Antwerp at 10 a.m. on the

26th ult. [887 following day]

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

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India,	Mausang.
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Philippines,	Kueichow.
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Singapore,	Ningpo.
Hamburg,	Alesia.
Shanghai,	Koenshing.
Naples,	Haiyang.

The s.s. Oakley, left Muroran on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst.

The s.s. Fitz Clarence, sailed from Moji on the 21st inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The s.s. Oratio, sailed from Moji on the 20th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

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Japan,	Sicilla.
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## AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru, left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th inst. and is due here on the 31st inst.

The P. M. s.s. Korea, arrived at San Francisco on the 16th inst.

## FRENCH MAIL.

The s.s. Ernest Simons will not leave Shanghai before the 25th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 28th inst.

The M.M. s.s. Ernest Simons, with the outward French mail, will leave for Europe on the 28th inst. at 7 p.m.

The M.M. s.s. Caledonian, with the outward French mail, will leave for Europe on the 31st inst. at 1 p.m.

## GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Ludwig, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th ult., left Colombo on the 15th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 26th inst., p.m.

The E. and A. s.s. St. Albans, from Sydney, left Port Darwin on the 2nd inst. for Timor, Manila and Hongkong.

The E. and A. s.s. Eastern, left Sydney on the 18th inst. for this port via Queensland and ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

The Liberia, Ger. s.s. Schroeder, left Dec. — Shanghai — 11th Dec. — Gen. — H. A. L.

Namsang, Br. s.s. 1,251, G. Morse, 20th Dec. — Chefoo 14th Dec. — Gen. — B. & S.

Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 739, G. Bonhier, 12th Dec. — Haiphong via Pakhoi, 10th Dec. — Gen. — A. R. Mart.

Hanyang, Br. s.s. 1,296, J. Cogan, 19th Dec. — Tientsin 12th Dec. — Gen. — B. & S.

Hoihow, Br. s.s. 987, McCulloch, 10th Dec. — Amoy 7th Dec. — Ballast. — B. & S.

Kauchow, Br. s.s. 1,217, Monkman, 14th Dec. — Swatow 13th Dec. — Gen. — B. & S.

Kobya, Br. s.s. 1,168, Ballast, 12th Dec. — Manila 5th Dec. — Gen. — R. Basa.

Kueichow, Br. s.s. 1,215, Cole, 13th Dec. — Canton 12th Dec. — Gen. — B. & S.

Laertes, Br. s.s. 1,320, Wawn, 5th Dec. — Saigon 22nd Nov. — Gen. — Wo Fat Sing.

Liberia, Ger. s.s. Schroeder, 14th Dec. — Shanghai — 11th Dec. — Gen. — H. A. L.

Namsang, Br. s.s. 2,591, H. E. Gilroy, 14th Dec. — Japan, Coal and Gen. — J. M. & Co.

Petchaburi, Br. s.s. 1,372, Gossweich, 19th Dec. — Sourabaya 8th Dec. — Sugar — J. C. J. L.

Pheunpenn, Br. s.s. 1,066, Scott, Saigon 14th Dec. — Gen. — Wo Fat Sing.

Seang Bee, Br. s.s. 3,784, Travis, 19th Dec. — Rangoon via Singapore 4th Dec. — Gen. — S. L.

Singan, Br. s.s. 1,047, Robinson, 20th Dec. — Haiphong and Pakhoi 18th Dec. — Gen. — B. & S.

Soshu, Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,110, L. Tashiro, 21st Dec. — Swatow 20th Dec. — Gen. — O. S. K.

Suisang, Br. s.s. 1,760, Payne, 16th Dec. — Java 5th Dec. — Sugar — J. M. & Co.

Tacoma, Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,000, T. Hamada, 20th Dec. — Manila 18th Dec. — Gen. — O. S. K.

Tamarac, Br. s.s. Macdonald, 19th Dec. — San Francisco, Bullock — S. O. Co.

Tean, Br. s.s.

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Arden, J. S.	Lowndes, Mr. and Mrs. F. L.
Ball, Mr. and Mrs. F. S.	MacGregor, N. C.
Barberini, E. T.	Mackenzie, A.
Baring, M.	MacLennan, D.
Bate, E. R.	G.
Beale, E. L.	MacIntyre, Mr.
Beaumont, G. A.	and Mrs. Neil.
Beilius, Mrs. E.	Macdonald, Mr. R.
Bona, G. A.	Macrae, Mrs.
Beaumont, R. C.	Mariott, Dr. O.
Binns, S. C.	Mather, Mrs.
Blanch, Mr. and Mrs. N. F.	R. T. and child.
Bischoff, O.	Melcher, J.
Campbell, A.	Mohr, K. B.
Catlin, Harry	Mereck, J.
Chalkley, Mr. & Mrs. H. F.	McKenney, Dr. C. W. & Mrs. Chaplin, Mrs. Millard, P. H. and maid.
Christie, P. N.	Mitchellmore, Mr. and Mrs. F. C.
Claxton, A. A.	E. V.
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Cronker, Miss	Notho, Capt. & Mr. H.
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Deane, Dr. and Mrs.	Pickard, Capt. T. B.
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Drew, W. C.	Reay, Miss F.
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Fancher, F.	Ross, Mr. and Mrs. G. H.
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Gratama, D. M.	George, Miss Symons, Mr. & Gibson, T. Campbell, Trowbridge.
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## COMMERCIAL.

## Messrs. Setia's Report.

Mr. S. D. Setia & Co.'s Fortnightly Report states:—

**Bengal Opium**—We have to report another quiet fortnight, and the Chinese are not buyers at present. No sales are reported. Clearances, 5 Chests of Patna New, 38 Chests of Patna Old, 14 Chests of Benares New, and 3 Chests of Benares Old, in all about 60 Chests. Unsold stock, 245 Chests of Patna New, 1846 Chests of Patna Old, 305 Chests of Benares New and 310 Chests of Benares Old, in all about 2506 Chests. Sold but uncleared stock, 57 Chests of Patna New, 620 Chests of Patna Old, 89 Chests of Benares New, and 73 Chests of Benares Old, in all about 845 Chests. No quotations can be given at present.

**Malwa Opium**—A decline in prices induced some business, and sales were reported in 11 Chests New at \$2650 to \$2675, and 37 Chests old at \$2700 to \$2725, in all about 48 Chests. clearances about 70 Chests. Shipping about 25 Chests. Unsold Stock about 845 Chests. Closing quotations:—New \$2650/2675; Old \$2700/2725.

**Silk**—A moderate business transpired. Quotations:—

Tsattie No. 1 \$780; Tsattie No. 1 \$750; Tsattie No. 1 \$740; Tsattie No. 1 \$610; Tsattie No. 1 \$630; No. 2 \$680 for L.R.; No. 2 \$650 for S.W.C.; No. 2 \$645 for K.W.; No. 2 \$590 for C.W.C.; No. 2 \$640 for L.S. in Diamond.

**Cotton**—Owing to higher prices ruling in America as well as dearness in India, prices show an advance, but no business resulted. A small parcel was, it is reported, shipped to Japan.

**Yarn**—Owing to the dearness of raw material and the higher prices ruling in the market, the importers showed less inclination to sell their holdings at lower rates, hence prices were well maintained, and sales were reported of about 1300 Bales comprising of 30 Bales of No. 6s; 450 Bales of No. 10s; 550 Bales of No. 12s; 150 Bales of No. 16s; and 150 Bales of No. 20s. Unsold stock, about 13000 Bales. Sold but not cleared Stock, about 35000 Bales.

**Local Mill**—Sold are reported of 10s at \$127, and 12s at \$133, of about 300 Bales.

**Sundries**—In Imports a good business is reported in Angoor from \$2 to \$17 (per picul), Mavej at \$7 to \$13 (per picul), Kismies at \$15 to \$21 (per picul), Borneal ad \$115 (per picul), Ooplate ad \$90 (per picul), Sonna Leaves at \$8 (per picul), and Bezoar Stone at \$135 (per catty). In Exports purchases were made in Cassia ad \$15 to \$16 (per picul), Cassia Oil at \$130 to \$200 (per picul), Galangal at \$5 (per picul), Dry Ginger at \$10 to \$11 (per picul), Staranised Oil at \$400 to 475 (per picul), Turmeric at \$8 (per picul), and Zedoary at \$10 (per picul).

## United States Currency Reform Proposals.

New York, November 26.—The new currency reform proposals, which were approved yesterday by the sub-committee on Banking and Currency in the House of Representatives, and which are said to meet with the approval of Dr. Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic leaders, have been discussed with lively interest in banking circles, where the idea of monetary legislation being taken in hand prior to the revision of the tariff seem to meet with much support. The new plan would appear to savour of the Aldrich proposal, except for a radical feature which makes the Treasury Department the fiscal agent of the divisional organisations and national banks, and makes it the seat of the ultimate note-issuing authority instead of a central bank or any such institution. The most interesting part of the discussion is a hint of a clash between the so-called Bryan and anti-Bryan elements on the question of Government notes versus bank notes. The New York Times and the Journal of Commerce in their editorial comments this morning make this a pregnant issue. They vigorously denounce Mr. Bryan for his historical as well as for his alleged present views on the monetary questions. On a general hearing, at which re-

presentatives bankers and business men will be heard, will take place after the holidays.

**Singapore Share Market.**—Messrs. Fraser and Co.'s weekly share circular dated the 12th inst. reports:—

The improvement mentioned in our last report has been well maintained and the preference for local shares is most noticeable, while the advance in the price of rubber has shewn itself in the greater demand from London for all sterling shares. A fair amount of profit taking has been possible during the current week in local rubbers. Mining shares have not been overlooked in the improvement in other sections and generally close rather above last advices. Industrials are steady with a moderate business passing.

**Rubber**—Ayer Panas have been largely dealt in from \$7.25-\$8.50. Bulgowines are still wanted at \$7.75. Changkat Serdangs \$7.10. Indragiri \$6.75, \$2.60, Tapah \$14, Pulau Bulang \$3 discount, Sandycrofts \$13, and Radellas \$15. Kempas have firmed considerably finishing buyers at \$3.75. Offers are wanted for Pulau Dauts. Malacca Pindas and United Malacca keep steady at \$1.50 and \$1.05 respectively, although a good number have changed hands around this figure. In the sterling group Bakit Sembawang and Singapore United have been largely in evidence, both advancing 3d. during the week. Lengin (Java) have buyers at 42/- whilst Heawoods are not obtainable under 4/5. Sungai Dangans were placed at 12/9, Lanadrons £3.2.6. Komboks 3/5, Rembia ordinary 25/9 and Hajoeps 7/3.

**Mining**—Bataks show a sharp rise from \$9.85 to \$3.50 with only a small number of shares changing hands and Rambutans were placed up to \$9. Sungai Gaus are still a strong market, coming up from \$3.25 to \$15.50 in the past week and closing strong buyers at this quotation. Kinta Associations both ordinary and preference were taken at \$14.50 and Serendah Hydraulics at \$1.90.

**General**—A few Fraser and Neaves are obtainable at \$49.50. Howarth Erskines are enquired for at \$45. Singapore Cold Storages are in more demand with buyers at \$22, and Hotel van Wijks comes to business at \$17. Chartered Banks were bought at £55.30. Shell Transports found small sellers at 25.11.3. Straits Traders keep very steady buyers \$42.50 and sellers \$50 with few transactions taking place.

**Lingga Dividend.**—Messrs. Guthrie and Co. of Singapore have received cable advice from the secretaries of Linggi Plantations, Limited, that at a meeting of the board of directors just held it was decided to declare a third interim dividend 8d. per share payable on January 10.

**KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.**—(BRITISH SECTION).

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that an additional train will leave Kowloon for Shum Chun calling at the Golf Course Crossing, Fan-Ling at 10.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

On the above dates the train arrived to leave Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. will leave at 5.10 p.m. and will run according to the Saturday and Sunday timetables.

By order,  
H. P. WINSLOW,  
Manager.

Kowloon, 10th Dec., 1912. [297]

## Christmas and New Year Holidays.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the trans-

action of Public Business WEDNES-

DAY and THURSDAY the 26th and

28th instant and WEDNESDAY the

1st of January, 1913.

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1912. [298]

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th

In the Screamingly Funny Farce

“ONE NIGHT OFF.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

The latest Comedy success

“A TRIP ABROAD.”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th.

Walter De Leon's Great Success

“THE GIRL AND THE BOY.”

MUNDAY, DECEMBER, 29th:

For the first time in Hongkong,

The Great Success

“DREAM CITY.”

Curtain at 9.15 p.m. sharp.

PRICES.—D. Circle \$3.50, O. Stalls

\$3.50, Stalls \$3.00, Pit \$2.00,

Gallery \$1.00.

Late Cars to the Peak.

Booking at MOUTREE & CO.

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1912. [198]

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## WATCH THIS SPACE.

## BIJOU.

9.15 p.m. To-Night. 9.15 p.m.

SPECIAL XMAS PROGRAMME

or

ALL NEW PICTURES

AND

THE FLOWER-STREET

FOLLIES

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7.15 PICTURES ONLY. 7.15

TIME TABLE

WEEK DATES

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. every 15 min.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. 10 min.

0.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 15 min.

1.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. 15 min.

2.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. 15 min.

1.40 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 10 min.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. 10 min.

8.15 p.m. to 9.45

## LOCAL SPORT.

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Hongkong.	36
T. E. Pearce, b White	36
A. C. E. thorough, b White	50
S. H. Dodwell, not out	36
J. S. Lloyd, c and b White	12
H. Hancock, c Robinson White	4
R. Hancock, R. N. Anderson	
R. P. Thursfield, E. A. S.	
Fowler, D. E. Donnelly and	
A. H. Gillingham did not bat	
Ex'tra	1
Total (for 4 wickets)	139
Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
A. G. White	9.5 0 59 4
W. H. Foster-Pegg	9 1 57 0
Veitch	5 1 28 0
Police Well Beaten.	

Craigengower C.C. completely swamped the Police on Saturday, for neither the latter's batting nor bowling came off and they lost by 92 runs. Taylor and Pestonji for the winners did good execution with the ball, their averages being 4 for 21, and 6 for 20. Scores:

G. A. Woodcock c Bass b Taylor	0
A. Grimmett c Johnstone b Taylor	6
D. Burlingham l.b.w.b Pestonji	2
W. Crickshank b Pestonji	8
Glenianing c Viveash b Taylor	0
W. Pitt b Pestonji	2
K. McLennan c Rose b Pestonji	9
J. Hardy not out	1
W. Cooper b Pestonji	4
J. Kerr c Pestonji b Taylor	1
Ex'tra	7
Total	62
Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Taylor	8.2 1 21 4
Pestonji	8 0 20 6

Craigengower.	
E. L. Bragg run out	3
H. H. Taylor b Woodcock	5
J. V. Bragg b Moody	20
L. A. Rose c Crickshank b Kerr	22
R. Pestonji b Moody	27
R. A. Carvalho b Kerr	4
W. H. Viveash not out	36
R. Bass c McLennan b Cooper	5
G. A. Hancock c and b Cooper	2
C. Johnstone l.b.w.b Cooper	18
J. D. Nora c Crickshank	1
Ex'tra	5
Total	154
Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Moody	9 1 39 2
Woodcock	4 0 16 1
King	3 0 23 0
Kerr	6 0 43 2
Cooper	8 0 18 3
Crickshank	13 0 9 1

Kowloon B's Victory.	
Kowloon B. were at home on Saturday to the Royal Engineers, winning a friendly game by 110 runs and five wickets, thanks to the good batting of Wilkie, 56 retired, N. L. Railton, 26, Capt wood, 24, and L. N. Whyte 24. For the Royal Engineers Sapper Collins did well for 27. In bowling, Capt. Wood for Kowloon took four wickets for 17 runs, and Goldsmith 5 for 27.	
The scores were as follow:	
Kowloon B.	
N. L. Railton b Whyte	26
Capt. Wood c Hibberd b Collins	24
A. R. Raven c and b Collius	4
P. W. Wilkes retired	56
D. J. Mackenzie b Tucker	18
H. Scott c Wright b Whyte	11
L. M. Whyte not out	24
W. Douglas not out	4
H. E. Goldsmith	
C. W. Jeffries	did not bat
E. J. Edward	
Ex'tra	18
Total	185
Bowling.	O. M. R. W.
Wilkinson	4 0 33 0
Collins	8 1 36 2
Whyte	6 1 35 2
Tucker	2 0 12 1
Wright	4 4 7 0
Hill	2 0 8 0
Miller	3 0 20 0

Royal Engineers.	
Lee Cpl. Tucker, b Capt. Wood	6
Spr. Johnson c Scott b Capt. Wood	5
Spr. Wilkinson b Goldsmith	1
Collins c Whyte b Goldsmith	37
Hibberd b Goldsmith	5
Wright b Scott	5
Whyte b Goldsmith	5
Wilkinson b Goldsmith	5

South Pole Discoverer.	
Captain Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, lectured before the Royal Geographical Society at Queen's Hall last month on the Antarctic adventures. Describing the arrival at the Pole on December 14, 1911, he said, "The goal was reached. Calm, so calm, stretched the mighty plateau before us, untroubled by the feet of man. It was undeniably a moment of solemnity when all of us, with our hands on the flagstaff, planted the colony of our country on the geographical South Pole on King Haakon VII. Plateau. A little tent was pitched to mark the spot with the Norwegian flag hoisted, and in the tent was left a letter addressed to King Haakon, with the information of what the expedition had done. Judging from the weather conditions this tent might stay there for many years to come."	

Spr. Brown b Capt. Wood	1
Miller b Goldsmith	0
Skelcher not out	0
Hill c Railton b Capt. Wood	2
Extras	7
Total	75

## Bowling.

O. M. R. W.
Capt. Wood... 9 1 17 4
H. E. Goldsmith... 10 0 25 5
H. Scott... 4 1 15 1
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## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

On Saturday afternoon the second round of the Rugby Cup Competition was played off when the Club beat the Navy by 17 points to 6 after a strenuous game.

The Club had all the better of matters in the first half and quite deserved their lead of 14 points to nil. Not long after receiving the ball from the line-cut Claxton dropped a good goal, while later he again crossed the line near the posts for Sutherland to convert and the latter also converting a try by Fisher, the Club managed to establish a winning lead, at half time. It was fortunate that they did so as the Navy largely controlled the game in the second half and managed to cross the line twice. During the occasional bursts by the Club, Claxton again managed to cross far out but the kick failed. The Navy were unfortunate in not having the services of their Capt., Taylor, while they also lost Chalmers just before half time. This however was balanced by the fact that the Club lost Henderson after the first five minutes.

## American Rugby.

A game of American Rugby, which should show the sportsmen of the colony "real American football," will be played on Christmas Day at half past two, on the Polo grounds between two picked elevens from the U.S.S. Wilmington.

This is the first time that the so-called "rough" American game has been played in Hongkong.

The teams are designated as the "Blues" and the "Greys," and the names of the players are:

Blues: Driscoll, Desorder, Grey, Griswold, Heimlich, Lannon, Wilson, Nordorg, Arzner, Heyman, Borgesfadt and Willis.

The Greys have several substitutes; their team includes: Schilling, Holmes, Whedder, Landfield, Nolen, Ballard, Kenney, Caples, Riddle, Maskie, Marsh, Sharp, and Swickrapp.

## Billiards.

Messrs. Martin and Heathcote will play in the semi-final of the Grand Hotel Billiard Handicap Tournament to-morrow night at 9 p.m. The winner is to play Mr. McLennan at a date which will be announced later.

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E. J. Edward  |

Extras 18 |Total 185 |

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